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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

HONGKONG, 16th May, 1903.

We have received from the COLONIAL
SECRETARY a copy of a "Report on the
"causes and continuance of Plague in Hong-
"kong, and suggestions as to Remedial Mea-
"sures, by W. J. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.C.P." who
was sent out to the Colony last year by the
Secretary of State for the Colonies to
investigate and report on the subject. The
Report, including maps, diagrams and
appendices, occupies 125 foolscap folio
pages, and is divided into four parts. The
first part deals with plague in China (a)
before the outbreak in Canton in the spring
of 1894, and (b) during and after the out-
break in Canton in 1894. Part II treats
of plague in Hongkong; Part III records
the results of the investigation into plague
in animals; and Part IV suggests remedial
measures.It is an eminently readable report, but
we can hardly say that it adds much to
local knowledge either as to the causes
of the constantly recurring epidemics or the
measures necessary to keep the Colony as
free of the pest as possible. But Dr.
Simpson has collected together an immense
amount of information on the subject
which is of permanent value as a basis
on which remedial measures must proceed.
Besides visiting various places in
China where plague prevailed, Dr. Simpson
addressed a circular letter asking certain
questions on the subject to the medical
men and medical missionaries in China,
and in his Report he gives a summary of
the answers supplied by thirty-four medical
practitioners in Kwangtung, Fukien and
other neighbouring provinces. While these
answers, so far as concerns the main causes
of plague, illustrate the proverbial differ-
ence of opinion among the doctors, it is,
as Dr. Simpson says, worthy of note

that of 37 correspondents with experience
of plague epidemics, thirty had found the
plague outbreak preceded by a mortality
among rats; four were of opinion that the
rat mortality was simultaneous with the
plague outbreaks, two did not answer the
question, and one stated it was unknown,
though of opinion that rodents introduced
the disease. "The consensus of opinion
"that the rat mortality is a precursor of
"plague in man is practically unanimous,
"not only among medical men in China
"experienced in plague, but among the
"Chinese people whose villages and towns
"have been attacked with plague." The
antecedence of the rat plague, Dr. Simpson
says, points to a channel of infection which
is capable of giving the disease to the
rat, but which at first has no influence
on man, and that the dissemination of the
infection by the rat is needed to bring it
into those channels by which man can
become infected. A large number of experi-
ments were carried out under Dr. Simpson's
advice on pigs, calves, hens, ducks, geese,
rats and sheep, and Dr. Simpson says the
results prove that man with plague can
infect the domestic animals, and they in
turn can infect one another. "More than
"this, the infective material of a plague rat
"can cause plague in monkeys and the
"infective material of a monkey with
"plague can give rats plague. What is
"here proved to be the case with ex-
"periments in monkeys, namely that
"rat plague is communicable to them
"by feeding, inoculation, contact and
"without contact with rat plague material,
"is likely also to apply to man." The
fact that animals and birds experi-
mented on took the infection by the mouth
and alimentary canal, causes Dr. Simpson
to attach great importance to the food
question. While he admits that he is
unaware of any recorded instances of plague
in man being caused by infected food,
he thinks this may be due to enquiry in
this direction not being pursued owing to
the preponderating influence of assigning
most of the cases to inoculation. Men-
tioning that he has hitherto been consid-
ered necessary, he says, will require to be paid by the
local authority in times of plague epidemics,
to the examination and inspection of the
food supply, and by private individuals to
the cooking and storage of food. "It is
"highly probable that the dissemination of
"the disease by plague rats is due, in a
"measure at least, to their infecting food
"which has been lying about or to which
"they have gained access." These con-
clusions contrast sharply with those of the
Indian Plague Commission which found no
evidence "to show that plague ever effects
"an entrance through the channel of the
"stomach or intestinal canal." The experi-
ments conducted in Hongkong show
conclusively that animals die of the plague
after eating infected food. In connection
with these experiments, and what they
show, Dr. Simpson says it is instructive to
note that in nearly every description of an
endemic centre of plague the people live
crowded together in dark and badly ven-
tilated huts along with their cattle, pigs and
poultry.

As to the remedial measures recommended
by Dr. Simpson, they were, as he says,
considered and generally accepted in prin-
ciple by the Hongkong Government before he
left the Colony, the suggested measures being
mostly concerned with the administration
and with the legal powers necessary to
combat the plague and improve the sanitary
condition of the Colony, such as notification
of plague from China by weekly bulletins
from Consuls, &c.; the inclusion of special
plague organisation in the sanitary adminis-
tration, a re-organisation of the sanitary de-
partment to include the medical inspection
of shipping and junks and the appointment
of a Sanitary Commissioner for the Colony;
and finally the amendment and consolida-
tion of the Public Health Ordinances. Dr.
Simpson, however, affirms that "under the
"present condition of Hongkong and with
"Southern China infected extensively with
"plague, it is almost hopeless to expect
"Hongkong to remain long entirely free
"of plague, but it is not impossible, with a
"trained and special organisation to keep
"the disease in check and under control, so
"as to prevent it reaching those dimensions
"which alarm the population, prove dis-
"astrous to the Colony, and render Hong-
"kong a source of anxiety to those who
"have trade relations with it."

Sixteen cases of plague, bringing the total
for the year up to 634, were notified during the
24 hours ended at noon yesterday. All were
Chinese, and ten proved fatal. Five bodies
were "found," one of them opposite the Tung
Wo Hospital.

A good deal of progress appears to have been
made by the P.W.D. in the work of altering the
formation of the street gullies. To judge from
the appearance of the gully-bottoms there will
still be a very convenient breeding-place for
mosquitoes, for these pests breed as well on
water one inch deep as on water one fathom
deep.

The Russian warships *Bogatyr*, *Boiky* and
Bourny left yesterday morning for Kobe.A sailor and a stoker deserted from H.M.S.
Blenheim in Japan and had not been arrested
when the warship left Kobe.One of the stokers of the N. Y. K. steamer
Kagoshima Maru, on arriving at Yokohama
from Bombay, was found to be suffering from
plague. The vessel was ordered into quarantine.A farewell address accompanied by a piece of
plate is to be presented by the British residents
of Hankow to Mr. E. D. H. Fraser, C.M.G.,
H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Hankow, on his
departure for home on Friday.Commenting on the movement to secure the
removal of the Admiralty Dock in Hongkong
the *Times of India* remarks:—A curious
fatality seems to dog the footsteps of the
naval authorities whenever they attempt to
carry out a scheme in the Far East. The
fiasco which appears imminent at Hongkong
will not be the first case of blundering in
Chinese waters.As already announced, a special general
meeting of seafarers and subscribers was
summoned in connection with the election of
six lay representatives of the St. John's
Cathedral congregation to the proposed new
Cathedral Church, Council. The meeting was
held in St. Paul's College yesterday at 5 p.m.,
but it failed to attract a quorum and dispersed
without transacting the business on hand.By permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers,
the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play
at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 to
9.30. The programme is as follows:—
March "The Dear Old Country" ... Coote
Entr'acte "Introduction 3rd Act" Wagner
Song "The Girl from Kay" ... Carill
Song "The Flight of Aegle" ... Ryan
Selection "The New Bandaid" ... Crook
Waltz "Etudiantine" ... Waldteufel
Morceau "Salut d'Amour" ... Elgar
"God Save the King"The naval authorities at home, in conjunction
with representatives of the Marconi syndicate
Portsmouth, have carried out wireless telegraph
experiments with kites to which receivers were
attached. The kites were sent up from the
Excellent gunnery school, and messages were
taken from various telegraph stations along the
coast, the receivers being beneath the kites,
which remained aloft for several hours. The
experiments are to be repeated, but the results
are to be treated as confidential.The Japan papers report the suicide of a
British subject named A. S. Boyle, at Yokohama.
The deceased was a school teacher, an
Oxford graduate of considerable attainments.
He came out to Japan in 1896 as assistant
master in the school carried on by Mr. Henry
Hughes at Kobe, but returned to England the
following year. In 1899 he came out again,
joining the teaching staff of the Winton House
School at Yokohama. After this establishment
was closed, the deceased sank in the social scale
and in the end shot himself in the heart on the
Yokohama pier. In a letter addressed to
his mother, who resides at Aronwick, South
Devon, he expressed gratitude for remittances
which, however, he said, were insufficient to
maintain him in the lowest fashion of the
country. He had, he said, been engaged in
several schools but the work was not suited to
him, and as he had no hope of improving his
position he preferred to die.The Shanghai Spring Race Meeting (Off-
day) on Saturday, the N.C. Daily News says,
brought one specially pleasant surprise, which
effectively eclipsed all others, even that of a
brilliantly fine day following so closely on
Thursday's mud. The event which will make
the Spring Off-day of 1903 long memorable
was the victory of Mr. "Ruby" Ellis in the
race for the "Flamingo Victoria" Cup. It was
the reward of years of patient, persevering riding,
with disappointment till probably no one was
more surprised than Mr. Ellis to find himself
being led round past the Grand Stand a pro-
claimed winner. Such enthusiasm as greeted
him has rarely been seen on the course; a
shoulder-high procession to the Club tent and
calls for speeches were incidents quite unpre-
cedented, within recent memory at all events,
and all testified to the popularity of Mr. Ellis
as owner, rider, and thorough-going sportsman.
The unexpected victory brought, quite naturally,
a huge dividend in the pari-mutuel, where six
holders of winning tickets drew \$913.50 apiece.

TELEPHONES FOR CANTON.

Private advices from Canton state that the
American company which has undertaken the
work of laying an electric tramway round the
city of Canton has been approached by the
gentry of Nankai with a view to the instal-
lation of a telephone service. As a result, a
syndicate with a capital of \$20,000 has been
formed and the introduction of the telephone
is expected to take place within a few months.

H.M.S. "GLORY."

With reference to the gift of Admiral Sir
Cyprus Bridge to Hankow on the 7th inst.,
on the flagship *Glory*, the Hankow corres-
pondent of the N.C. Daily News says the
Glory was saluted by the French, German, and
Russian men-of-war in port and by the Wuchang
fort. The *Glory* went over to Wuchang on
arrival, and anchored there until official business
with the high Chinese authorities was concluded,
when she took up her position in the usual man-
oeuvres of the fleet. The Admiral entertained some of the Hankow
residents at dinner and it was understood that
a reception, to which the Hankow community
would be invited, was to be held the next day.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

AUSTRALIA AND THE MAIL
SERVICE.

LONDON, 13th May.

Mr. Chamberlain has informed the Australian
Commonwealth that Great Britain cannot
prohibit the employment of coloured British
labour in mail steamers.FRANCE AND THE RELIGIOUS
ORDERS.

LONDON, 13th May.

The French Government will introduce a
Bill disestablishing 490 female religious
orders, possessing 2,000 public schools for girls.
The suppression will involve the State in an
expenditure of £2,000,000.

MOROCCO.

LONDON, 13th May.

A serious revolt has occurred in the vicinity
of Tetuan, which town is closely besieged.LAUNCH OF THE "COMMON-
WEALTH."

LONDON, 13th May.

H.M.S. *Commonwealth*, the largest battleship
in the world, has been launched on the Clyde.
The ship will be completed in ten months,
establishing a world's record.

ISSUE OF NORTH BORNEO BOND.

LONDON, 13th May.

The North Borneo Co. has issued 200,000
£2 5 per cent Bonds.ANTI-STRIKE LEGISLATION IN
AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, 13th May.

A Bill has been read a second time in the
Australian Parliament to suppress strikes.RESULT OF THE NEWMARKET
STAKES.

LONDON, 13th May.

1 Flotsam.
2 Rabalais.
3 Gay Gordon.

R. P. MOFFITT IN THE COLONY.

PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT.
The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura*, having on
board R. P. Moffitt, ex-secretary of the Dairy
Farm Company, Ltd., in charge of Launce-
Sergeant Earnar, arrived in the harbour yester-
day morning about seven o'clock. Moffitt, who
is charged with embezzlement, looked very fit and
well. He and Sergeant Earnar were very good
friends indeed on the voyage back to the Colony,
notwithstanding the relative positions they
occupied. At Kobe, Moffitt told Sergeant
Earnar that if he wished to visit the Osaka
Exhibition he could do so in perfect safety, as
he (Moffitt) would remain on the ship until
he came back. Sergeant Earnar, however,
declined to avail himself of this opportunity
for sight-seeing, preferring to remain by his
prisoner. The pursuit of Moffitt has occupied
Sergeant Earnar about six months, and that
officer has returned to his duties here with
quite an "Amurrian" accent and many
pleasant recollections of his unexpectedly pro-
longed visit to the States.Yesterday afternoon, Moffitt was brought
before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Police Magistrate,
and charged. For that he, the said Robert
Percy Moffitt, on the 27th day of September,
1902, at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong,
then being secretary to the Dairy Farm Co.,
Ltd., feloniously and fraudulently did embezzle
and steal certain goods—to wit, the sum of
\$2,075 received by him on account of the said
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., contrary to Section 55
of Ordinance 7 of 1865. And for that he, the
said Robert Percy Moffitt, on the 29th day of
April, 1902, and the 11th day of October, 1902,
at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, then
being secretary to the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.,
feloniously and fraudulently did embezzle and
steal certain goods—to wit, the sum of \$9,877.66
received by him on account of the said Dairy
Farm Co., Ltd., contrary to Section 55 of
Ordinance 7 of 1865.To these charges, which were laid on the
complaint of Mr. F. Maitland, chairman of the
board of directors of the Dairy Farm Company,
Moffitt, who was described as an accountant
and of Australia, pleaded guilty. His Worship
remanded the case till Friday next, when it
will be further adjourned till the 28th inst., on
which date evidence will probably be heard.THE RAVAGES OF PLAGUE
IN INDIA.Over a million and a half people in India
have died of plague since the disease first made
its appearance in Bombay in 1895. In 1896
there were 1,700 deaths. The mortality
increased to 56,000 in 1897, to 118,400 in 1898,
and to 135,000 in 1899. The following year
there was a big drop, the number of deaths
going down to 33,000, but the hope that the
end was in sight was quickly dashed to the
ground, the year 1901 seeing no less than
274,000 deaths, while the total rose in 1902 to
the terrific figure of 577,000. Since then
matters have grown even worse, the first three
months of the current year adding roughly
another 300,000 to the list of those who have
perished from the disease.

ON THE LIST.

When the Puisne Judge sits on Friday
morning to adjust the roll it is always worth
while to be there. The spirit of the Bench,
generally invariable, communicates itself to the
Bar, and the Bar never fail to turn up in such
numbers as to tax the usher's temper in the
matter of procuring seats for their accommoda-
tion. The dusty, moth-eaten garments of the
robust room get a much-needed airing, and some
of the silk as displayed is in a state of decrepitude
and decay which would call forth sacrilegious
comment from the vulgar were it not for the
fact that the robes, unlike charity, cover a
multitude of legal excellences protected by a
thorough and ready knowledge of the law of
libel. It is indeed whispered that so much is Fri-
day's Court enjoyed of the Bar that solicitors at
there who have no call to be; to see, and hear the
judge dispose of the cases one after another is a
study in judicial method, pabulum to the legal
mind and a lesson in good-humour. "Well,
Mr. H-s-g, I suppose you are applying for
an adjournment in this case, No. 1,000?—you
always are wanting adjournments." Mr. H-
replies in kind that in this case especially he does
not want delay; but he gets it. Another Mr. H-
H, the tail of whose name denotes a place in
which to dwell, gracefully assures his Lordship
that he is absolutely in consonance with his
friend on the opposite side, and his Lordship
smiles as he enters the case for
next week and thinks of the battle to come
between the harmonious pair. In some of
the districts of Scotland "it" is pronounced
"hett." His robe may lack in pristine blush,
but the same deficiency does not apply to the
keenness of his acumen. "With the giants
of the local Bar he does not fear to break a
lance, and never in the quip and quibble of a
Friday morning is he worsted. There is one
figure that we would miss badly. His face
shines with humour and his physical proportions
are on a par with his immense stock of loving-
kindness. He is at peace with all the world,
excepting the opposing solicitor; and it is said,
with what degree of truth we know not, that
he has been known to wink at the Bench. At
any rate old premises allege that he has wickedly
covered his left visual organ with the eyelid
which belongs to that member what time he
explained *sotto voce* that the amount paid into
Court in the case was just inside the figure that
carries enlarged expenses with it. "Lacro" is
an all-pervading personality. With foot on
chair and hand on knee, incisive voice and
occasional immoderacy, he makes the mind to
wander in its attempt to decide which is the
referee and which the advocate. Only
one member of the bar sports a monocle. It is
said that he has been mistaken on occasion for a
recent eminent visitor to South Africa. He
generally gets his point G—t, again, when he
asks for an adjournment, takes care to leave
clear the golf-club or other final days. Parlia-
ment must not sit on Derby Day, and the Judge
concerns him the good sportsman that he is. If
a breach of Court etiquette, however slight,
should occur, small sympathy is shown the
offender, who has to put up with chaff inter-
minable. A certain official came into Court the
other day minus his wig, and rapid was his exit
when apprised of the lack. A young practitioner
entered in a great hurry recently adjusting his
gown. His presence after all was not essential
in the case and he was leaving the Court
murmuring something about having made a
mistake, when his Honour slyly remarked, as
he passed him on the way out: "Another
mistake, Mr. H.; where's your black coat?"
The solicitor's departure was precipitated
thereby, and he lost no time in hiding his bludge
under a cloud of cigarette smoke. He had on
a light coloured jacket that morning. Now he
wears a more sombre garment.

And so the roll is adjusted for another week.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final tie in the Golf Championship
competition was played off at Happy Valley
yesterday between Mr. C. E. H. Beavis and
Mr. W. W. Clark. It was splendidly
contested, Mr. Beavis winning at the second
last hole of the 36 that were played. Many
spectators, including H.E. the Governor, Sir
Henry Blake, witnessed the game. Captain
Nicholson, R.N., acted as umpire. At the end
of the first 18 holes Mr. Beavis was two
up with 82 against his opponent's 84. In the
second half of the game he increased
his lead to as many as four up, but Mr. Clark
playing a very strong game through the green
reduced the lead against him to one up at the
third last hole. The second last was secured
by Mr. Beavis, however, and he thus won
by two up and one to play. The last
hole was halved in five. Below are the detailed
scores, the query-marks denoting an estimated
score in cases where the players did not hole
out.—MR. BEAVIS.
First round ... 54 55 54 54 44—40
Second round ... 44 54 46 45 46—42
Third round ... 44 54 35 65 45—41
Fourth round ... 54 53 46 38 45—42MR. CLARK.
First round ... 45 44 56 45 64—43
Second round ... 35 44 38 65 38—39
Third round ... 64 45 38 44 57—44
Fourth round ... 54 44 38 44 45—39ATTACK ON FOREIGN SEAMEN
IN YOKOHAMA.The Japan *Advertiser* states that at 12.40 a.m.
on Monday, the 4th inst., two foreign engineers
belonging to the N.Y.K. steamer *Kanagawa Maru*
and three sailors belonging to the British
cruiser *Argonaut* were attacked by about four
or five Japanese with wooden footgear and also
with pieces of wood in Yokohama, while the
foreigners were riding in rickshaws for the
Yokohama. The anglers are belonging to the
Kanagawa Maru and a sailor belonging to the
British warship were injured, fortunately not
very seriously. The police are now searching
for the assailants, but it is difficult task to find
them, as the attack was committed in pitch-
dark during midnight.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 15th May.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (Police
Magistrate).

"EVERYTHING DONE."

A German marine engineer was charged with
disorderly conduct whilst drunk and assaulting
P.C. Coffee in the execution of his duty. He
pleaded not guilty.P.C. Coffee described how he found the de-
fendant, helplessly drunk, lying asleep on a
timber stacked on the Quay at West Point.
When awakened, he grew very wrath, and
into grips with the complainant.His Worship—He alleges that you threw
away some cigars belonging to him. What
about that?Complainant—He had some cigars in his
possession, but they were of no use and I threw
them away.His Worship—The defendant was under the
influence of liquor, you say?Complainant—Very much so, your Worship.
The accused appeared to be under the in-
pression that he had been very unfairly treated
in being arrested, and supplemented his com-
ment to that effect with the exclamation:—
"What is gone, mine sick is gone, mine cigar
is gone, mine ship is gone—everything gone."His Lordship—It is entirely your own fault.
A fine of \$15 altogether was imposed.

BAIL ESTREATED.

Arrested for begging, Ng Wo Shun, an
ama with a long grey beard, failed to appear
Court in time to prevent his bail of \$5 from
being estreated. When he turned up later,
he was charged with stealing a boxful of
passenger on board the Canton River steamer
Kwong Chan on the 14th inst.He denied the charge, but was found guilty
the evidence of the owner of the box and of a
witness who made the arrest as the defendant
leaving the steamer with the stolen property
in his possession.His Worship passed sentence of two months
hard labour.

THE "COFFIN-BREAKERS."

Liu Hing, supposed to be one of the worst
"coffin-breakers" of whom we wrote the other
day, was charged with stealing a boxful of
passenger on board the Canton River steamer
Kwong Chan on the 14th inst.He denied the charge, but was found guilty
the evidence of the owner of the box and of a
witness who made the arrest as the defendant
leaving the steamer with the stolen property
in his possession.His Worship passed sentence of two months
hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE THEATRES AND PLAGUE
INFECTION.TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."
Hongkong, 15th May.SIR,—I was vastly amused this morning to
find that I had drawn my friend "Common
Sense" into making a *tu quoque* re-
ply—a sign of weakness. Perhaps I am
"Scallywag"; if I am (and I don't see
that insinuations of "Common Sense" are
nearly correct). I glory in my shame and dal-
sa il under false colours like "Common Sense".
I am sorry if I mistook "Common Sense"
argument but I think, if he will read his
letter again he will see that it is open to the
contention I put on it—viz., that by his con-
tention the European being the only one
likely to suffer, therefore if the Chinese
theatres were closed it would be for the best
of the European, and not the Chinese."Common Sense's" other arguments are
submitted (with all friendly respect to his
and feelings), too puerile for more than passing
comment. As to the Chinese example I could
space permitted, give "Common Sense" a
seven years' experience of that country—a
deal of information of which, judging by his
remarks, he appears to be in blissful ignorance.
If we invert the names Hongkong and Canton
I think "Common Sense" will find himself
hoist with his own petard. It is not possible
that owing to Canton being blessed with the
advantages which "Common Sense" takes
himself to condemn with a self-complacent
assurance worthy of a better and a clearer
cause—is it not just possible that Canton is
not Hongkong may be the plague-sporer?If the Chinese consider it a hardship to be
made to live a clean life and sanitary surround-
ings have their prohibitory practices modified
modern civilisation, why do they flock in
thousands into this Colony? Their
numbers being the initial "causation" of the
trouble which our splendid British doggedness
continues to fight—the ravages of the disease
and the hysterical squealings of a few silly
sentimentalists notwithstanding.—Yours, etc.

SCALLYWAG.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Stettin*
carrying the German Mails with dates from
Berlin of the 18th April, left Singapore on
Thursday, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here
on or about Tuesday, at daylight.The Imperial German mail steamer *Sachs*,
which left here on the 15th inst., at noon, arrived
at Genoa on the 14th inst., at 7 a.m.The steamer *Sachs* left New York for
Hongkong via ports on the 12th inst.The N.Y.K. steamer *Kanagawa Maru* (Aus-
tralian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the
14th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the
18th inst.The steamer *Borneo* left Sandakan on the
12th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the 15th
inst., at 1 p.m.The T.K.K. steamer *Kohila Maru* left Manila
on the 14th inst., p.m., and is expected here to-
day, at about 1 p.m.The N.P. steamer *Isosima* left Yokohama for
Victoria and Tacoma on the 23rd ult.

JOIN.

Messrs. Vera
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